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READINESS OF AN APPARATUS FOR READING FROM AND/OR
WRITING TO AN OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM; AND
CORRESPONDINGLY CONFIGURED APPARATUS
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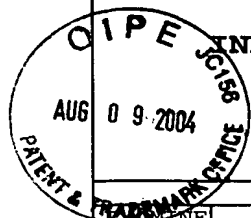
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